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MICHAEL V. CHOBOTOV et al.

Application No. Unassigned

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METHOD FOR BIFURCATED
GRAFT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. Copies were provided in the great-grandparent application (USSN 09/834,278) and therefore are not enclosed herewith pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), unless otherwise indicated.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicants believe that their invention as claimed is patentable over the above references taken alone or in any combination. However, Applicants reserve the right to demonstrate that their claimed invention was made prior to any one or more of the above-identified references. No inference should be drawn as to the pertinence of the references based on the order in which they are presented.

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